IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

MONDAY, THE 20TH AUGUST 2007 / 29TH SRAVANA 1929

WP(C).No. 25030 of 2007(D)

PETITIONER:

A.V.BALAKRISHNAN, AGED 55 YEARS,
S/O.LATE MR.KUNJAMBU,
(ERIPURAM HOUSE, PAZHYANGADI PO KANNUR.)
R.D.O. THIRUVALLA.

BY ADV. SRI.SOORAJ T.ELENJICKAL
SRI.M.A.JOSEPH MANAVALAN

RESPONDENTS:

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1. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, COLLECTORATE,
PATHANAMTHITTA.

2. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, KOTTAYAM.

3. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY
SECRETARY TO REVENUE
(C DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI. BIJOY CHANDRAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 20/08/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

ANTONY DOMINIC, J.

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Dated this the 20th August, 2007

J U D G M E N T

Petitioner is a Revenue Divisional Officer who was posted at Thiruvalla by Ext. P1 order dated 7-7-2007. Before that he was working in Pathanamthitta and was relieved from there only on 25-7-2007. After joining in Thiruvalla, by Ext. P3 order issued on 7-8-2007, petitioner was transferred and posted him as Deputy Collector (LR) Kottayam. Challenging Ext. P3 order this writ petition is filed.

2. On instruction, the learned Govt. Pleader informs that by G.O.(MS) No. 83/80/GAD dated 20-3-1984 (referred to as Sl. No. 1 in Ext. P3 and wrongly shown as dated 20-1-84) 9 stations in Kerala are earmarked for posting I.A.S. probationers and Thiruvalla is one of the stations so earmarked. According to him, it was only on account of that fact that the petitioner had to be transferred and on his transfer he was accommodated at Kottayam, the nearby station.

3. In view of the above no malafide or illegality can be attributed to Ext. P3 and therefore the transfer of the petitioner has to be sustained. There is no merit in the writ petition and it is only to be dismissed. Dismissed.

ANTONY DOMINIC
JUDGE

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